(c) and (d). The Vice-Chancelllor, Visva-Bharati, has constituted a Committee to suggest, inter-alia, ways and means to preserve and protect Tagore's works.

West Flowing Rivers of Kerala

2423. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any programme to harness water of West flowing rivers of Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the facilities being provided for storage of the water of those rivers?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The two projects proposed by Kerala State are Idamalayar Irrigation Project on river Periyar and Karapara-Kuriarkutty Multipurpose Project on river Chalakudy. The Idamalayar-Irrigation Project is a diversion scheme whereas Karapar Kuriarkutty Multipurpose project envisages storage of 108.3 Mcum at Karapara dam and 2.0 Mecum for Kuriarkutty dam.

The National Water Development Agency, (NWDA) under the Government of India has prepared a feasibility report of Pamba-Achankovil-Vaipper link which envisages dams on Pamba Karar, Achankovil Kal Ar and Achankovil for diversion of water to irrigate land in drought prone districts of Tirunelveli, Kattabomman, Chidambaranar and Kamaraj districts of Tamil Nadu and generation of peaking power of 500 MW and regulated releases during lean period in Vembanand lake.

The proposal consists of Punnamedu dam (live storage 118.5 Mcum) on Pamba Kal "Ar, Achankovil Kal Ar dam (live storage 184.9 Mcum) on Achankovil Kal Ar and Achankovil pumped storage (live storage 27.8 Mcum) on Achankovil river.

Illegal Construction in Cantonment Areas

2424. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of illegal constructions are being continued within the Cantonment area of Central Command;

(b) whether recent pronouncement of orders by the Supreme Court against land grabbing and demolition of illegal constructions, no action has been initiated by the Directorate of Defence Estate, Central Command so far;

(c) whether Government would take serious view in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (d). Though unauthorised constructions exist in Cantonment areas of Central Command, many of them particularly inside the civil area are in the form of platforms, steps, projections etc., which can be regularised under the existing policies. Action is taken against illegal/ unauthorised constructions under the provisions of the Cantonments Act & Public Premises Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants Act, 1971.

Instructions have been issued by the Directorate Defence Estates, Central Command in July, 1996 to all the Cantonment Executive Officers to enforce stern measures to curb unauthorised constructions and for demolition action. Government is not aware of any Supreme Court Order specifically referring to demolition of unauthorised constructions and land grabbing in Central command.

Promotion of Yoga

2425. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated special schemes for promotion/development of Yoga/physical education infrastructural facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and financial assistance provided to various organisations (private) in Maharashtra-institution-wise during the last five years and the provision available under these schemes during the current year;

(c) whether Government have set up a monitoring cell to ensure that funds released to private educational institutes are properly utilised, if so, the details thereof;

(d) action taken on inspection report on complaints of misutilisation of funds released/malpractices in Yoga Research/Educational Institutes; and

(e) action taken on reported irregularities in Yoga Research Institute at Pune?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Promotion of Yoga in Schools was started in 1989-90. Under this Scheme, financial assistance is provided to the States/UTs as well as Yoga Institutes of repute for training of teachers in Yoga and for building infrastructure for the purpose. This includes TA/DA to teacher trainees, upgradation of library facilities and construction/expansion of hostels for teacher trainees. Details regarding financial assistance provided under this Scheme to various Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in Maharashtra during the last five years, institution-wise, is given in the Statement enclosed. Budgetary allocation for the Scheme for 1996-97 is